



## Lieutenant Governor's Upper Elementary 2018 Agriculture Poetry Contest



### Overview

To celebrate Agriculture in Alberta in the year we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Alberta Flag, Her Honour, the Honourable Lois Mitchell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta has created an educational poetry contest for all grade 4, 5 and 6 students in Alberta. The contest focuses on 50 figures who have had an impact on agriculture in our Province. The contest is being distributed to Alberta schools with upper elementary classrooms and the Province's 4H Clubs.

Each participating school and 4H Club (whether school or community-based) submits a selection of poems to the contest. Grand prizes of annual family passes to Alberta Historic Sites will be awarded for each grade level. All students whose poems are entered by their school or 4H Club will receive a participation certificate signed by the Lieutenant Governor. A certificate will also be provided to participating schools and 4H Clubs.

### Contest rules

- The contest is open to all grade 4, 5, 6 students in the Province of Alberta.
- The contest starts on January 11th, 2018, the birthday of John Chipman Kerr, an Alberta homesteader and recipient of the Victoria Cross in the Great War.
- The closing date for entries is May 5, 2018, the birthdate of AB champion bronc rider Peter Charles Knight.
- The list of the 50 persons is available in on the Lieutenant Governor's web site at [www.lieutenantgovernor.ab.ca](http://www.lieutenantgovernor.ab.ca).
- The contest will accept **two** poems from each class level, as vetted at the school or club. Participating schools select two poems from each Grade 4-6 homeroom. (eg: Gr 5A, 5B, and 5C have two entries each).
- Participating students create a poem of up to 150 words in any style of poetry, inspired by one of the people included in the list of 50 persons.
- Entries may be submitted in either official language.

### Submission process

- The heading of each poem should include: the student's first name and last initial, the school or club name and the name of the person chosen as the subject of the poem. Please ensure that entries are FOIP able for outside media.
- Each poem should be saved as a separate file. The file type can be .doc, .docx or .pdf to include a scanned copy of the original. File names should include the Grade level and student's first and last name (eg: Gr5\_Tom\_Brown). If submitting entries from Google docs, please ensure that access is not password protected.

- Schools and clubs should send all submitted poems as attachments to a single email. In the subject line of the entry e-mail please include the contest name, name of the school and town or city (eg: Subject: AgriculturePoetry-MurielMartin-StAlbert – or - AgriculturePoetry\_4H\_Barrhead). If a single email is not convenient or feasible due to file size, schools or clubs may send an email for each grade level.
- School and club submissions should be emailed to [LtGovPoetry@gov.ab.ca](mailto:LtGovPoetry@gov.ab.ca).

### **Prize details**

- A prize recipient for each Grade level 4, 5 and 6 will be announced on June 1, 2018, coinciding with the anniversary of the unveiling of the Alberta flag in 1968.
- Prizes to include annual family passes for Alberta Historic Sites.
- Honorable mentions in each grade level will also be announced.
- A certificate of participation for each student whose poem is submitted to the contest.
- The winning poems and honourable mentions for each Grade level will be published on the Lieutenant Governor's website. Posted poems will be identified by the author's first name and last name initial, their school and town. Please ensure entries are FOIP able for outside media.
- Winning students' schools will be contacted by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to arrange delivery of prizes.
- The chance of winning is subject to the number of entries received for the respective grade levels.

### **Questions?**

- If you require additional information please send an e-mail to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor at [LtGovPoetry@gov.ab.ca](mailto:LtGovPoetry@gov.ab.ca) with the subject line "Poetry Contest Question" or call 780-427-7243.